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1. Between 9 and 29 March 1951, the Schuetzen Kaserne on Bernauerhoerstrasse, Eberswalde (N 53/V 08), was still occupied by 4,500 to 5,000 troops. About 80 percent of the windows of those barracks buildings which could be seen from the street were lighted at nightfall. A convoy leaving the installation on 12 March, heading westwards, included rocket launchers

trucks

five trucks

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and four trucks

There were about 250 troops with red-bordered black epaulets on the vehicles of the convoy. Two of the rocket launchers carried crews numbering 7 and 8 soldiers respectively. There was little training activity in the Schuetzen Kaserne on 28 March.

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2. No changes in the occupation of the Artillerie Kaserne on Freienwalderstrasse were observed. About 80 percent of the windows of all buildings were lighted in the evening of 29 March. Five groups of soldiers, totaling about 180, marched to the drill field on 27 March. Some of the soldiers wore artillery insignia. About 45 soldiers, with red-bordered black epaulets, practiced at the obstacle course about 100 meters east of the installation.

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On 14 March, a convoy of trucks

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coming from the direction of the Artillerie Kaserne moved through Eberswalde heading west. Eight of the trucks towed mortars of about 80-mm caliber, while another truck towed a field kitchen. The trucks were occupied by 115 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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3. The encampment on Breitscheidstrasse was still vacant. Only two soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets were seen near the guardhouse.
4. No changes were observed at the Soviet quarters on Kupferhammerweg. Motor vehicles parked in the yard
5. The two bakeries, at the intersection of Eisenbahnstrasse and Grabowstrasse and at 35 Schicklerstrasse, discontinued baking for Soviet troops.
6. No changes were observed at the former Ardelt Plant. Numerous field-grade officers were observed. About 90 percent of the officers wore red-bordered red epaulets and 10 percent black-bordered black epaulets. All military personnel had to show their passes when entering or leaving the Ardelt Plant. Six small rod antennae and one large rod antenna were still on top of the roofs of several plant buildings.

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7. On 19 March, six AA guns of about 50-mm caliber were set-up in emplacements on Westendstrasse in Eberswalde and three AA guns of the same caliber were set-up south of the Eberswalde-Finow railroad line.

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Comments.

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- (1) the Schuetzen Kaserne is believed to be mainly occupied by elements of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. These probably include army headquarters units, the 118th Sig Regt, the 312th ML Regt, AT artillery units and component units of the army's unidentified AAA division.
- (2) probably belongs to an AT artillery unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in Eberswalde. is assigned to the 9th Rifle Regt of the 67th Rifle Div. This division was located in the Leningrad MD before the war. It was identified on the European front in October 1941, on the Finnish front in January 1942, and most recently in Zaila, White Sea MD, in October 1944. belongs to a component of the 25th Tank Div in Prenzlau. It is believed that the division is now stationed in the Murmansk area, White Sea
- (3) the Artillerie Kaserne is believed to quarter elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, namely the 17th Gds Mecz Regt, the 32d Gds Div Tank OP Regt and other units of the division. The convoy mentioned in the present report probably belonged to the 17th Gds Mecz Regt.
- (4) AFM 36442 confirms the Hq 6th Gds Mecz Div in Pormau until 24 February 1951.
- (5) The information agrees with previous data, according to which the Hq Fourth Gds Mecz Army is located in the Ardelt Plant.
- (6) Compare with a report of 11 November 1950

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